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## MM Docket No. 99-325

### COMMENT SOUGHT ON NATIONAL RADIO SYSTEMS COMMITTEE'S "IN-BAND/ON-CHANNEL DIGITAL RADIO BROADCASTING STANDARD NRSC-5"

**Comment Date: July 18, 2005**

**Reply Comment Date: August 17, 2005**

By this *Public Notice*, the Commission establishes deadlines for public comment on the National Radio Systems Committee ("NRSC") initial digital audio broadcasting ("DAB") standard entitled "In-band/On-channel Digital Radio Broadcasting Standard NRSC-5" ("NRSC-5").

Since commencement of the Commission's DAB proceeding, MM Docket No. 99-325,<sup>1</sup> the Commission has supported a public and open DAB standard-setting process. In addition, the Commission has stated its intention to consider the DAB standard, if adopted, when promulgating rules for the DAB service. On April 16, 2005, NRSC-5 was approved by the NRSC DAB Subcommittee. On May 18, 2005, the Consumer Electronics Association and the National Association of Broadcasters, co-sponsors of the NRSC, submitted NRSC-5 to the Commission for consideration in MM Docket No. 99-325. A copy of NRSC-5 is available electronically from the Commission's website at:

[http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/comsrch\\_v2.cgi](http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/comsrch_v2.cgi) under MM Docket No. 99-325, or from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. ("BCPI"), 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, 1-800-378-3160. The Commission seeks comments on the NRSC-5 standard and the DAB issues relating to its adoption.

Interested parties may submit comments on or before July 18, 2005, and reply comments on or before August 17, 2005. Comments and reply comments should specifically reference this *Public Notice*. Comments and reply comments may be filed electronically at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs>, or on paper (an original and four copies) with the Commission's Secretary, Marlene Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC, 20002.

**Ex parte status:** This is a "permit-but-disclose" rulemaking proceeding. See *Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service*, 15 FCC Rcd at 1745 (1999). "Permit-but-disclose" *ex parte* procedures permit interested parties to make *ex parte* presentations to the Commissioners and Commission employees and require that these presentations be disclosed in the record of the relevant proceeding. Persons making a written *ex parte* presentation to the Commissioners or Commission employees must file the written presentation with the Commission, as set forth below, no later than the next business day after the presentation. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(1). Persons making oral

<sup>1</sup> See *Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service*, 15 FCC Rcd 1722 (1999).

*ex parte* presentations must file a summary of the presentation, as set forth below, and deliver copies to the Commissioners or Commission employees involved with the presentation no later than the next business day after the presentation. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2). All *ex parte* filings must be clearly labeled as such and must reference this Public Notice, as well as any other applicable docket or file numbers.

An original and one copy of all *ex parte* memoranda must be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Marlene Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC, 20002, in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(1). In addition, one copy of each *ex parte* memorandum should be delivered to each of the following locations: (1) the Commission's duplicating contractor, BCPI, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554. Copies of the reports and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may be obtained electronically at <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>, and on paper from BCPI during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Information Center located at 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554.

For additional information, contact Susan Crawford, Ann Gallagher, or Charles Miller of the Audio Division at (202) 418-2700 for engineering issues; or Ben Golant of the Policy Division at (202) 418-2120 for legal issues.

By: Acting Chief, Media Bureau